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Applicants: Jack A. Dant
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Title: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SPINAL DISTRACTION USING
A FLIP-FLOP PORTAL**
Our Ref. No.: ZMS-MI15US

PETITION FOR ONE (1) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month from the original response date of June 15, 2007 for responding to the outstanding Office Action in the above-identified patent application. With the extension of time, the period for response now extends up to and includes October 15, 2007. Please see the electronic fee calculation sheet for the \$120.00 one month extension fee.

If any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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